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FINE JOB PRINTING
EXECUTED
WITH NEATNESS AND DISPATCH.
SALE BILLS,
ENVELOPES,
LETTER HEADS
BILL HEADS,
INVITATIONS,
ETC., ETC.
CALL AND SEE US.

The commissioner of internal revenue has sent out circular letters to all collectors of internal revenue calling their attention to the extension of time for making income tax returns to April 15.

A STEAMSHIP has been formed in England to build a battle ship of at least 9,000 tons, and to cost more than $2,000,000, according to the plans of Sir Edward Reed, who has been criticising the ship-building ships.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE J. STERLING MORTON is now nearly sixty-three years old, and is a New Yorker by birth. He was a newspaper man in Detroit and Chicago before he removed to Nebraska in 1854.

GLASGOW in Scotland, Moscow in Russia, and Ajax on the Pacific coast of Asia are at almost the same distance north of the equator, but the most prominent temperature of Glasgow is 58.8 degrees above zero; of Moscow, 14.7 above, and of Ajax, 1.1 degree below.

CHRISTMAS gallon hats are now in order, and the Hon. Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, and William Henry Smith, of Illinois, agree with place on the 13th inst. to the Congressional Library. As the funds amount to $7,000,000, Columbia will have the greatest library in the country if the offer is accepted.

ANOTHER innovation upon the conduct of funerals has been started by Mrs. Turner, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who, upon the occasion of her husband's interment, delivered the address over his grave. She knew him best and was quite fitted to do justice to his memory.

THREE new quick-firing guns are to be introduced into the British navy. A four-inch gun, twenty-five pounder, a twelve-pound twelve-hundredweight gun, and a twelve-pound eight-hundredweight gun, the last two using the same projectile, but different charges of cordite.

ONE of the latest scientific vagaries is the proposition that the central heat of the earth may be drawn upon and utilized by sinking wells, and that soon enough to tap superheated steam or gases having sufficient pressure to drive machinery and diffuse comfort on the surface.

In obtaining the serum for the anti-toxine treatment about ten quarts is the amount drawn from each horse at one time on the average. The animal suffer so perceptible exhaustion, and are not made useless for other purposes. Among the twenty-five horses now owned by the British institute is a grandson of Blair Athol.

THEY do not seem to be feeling the hard times very much in Washington. Mrs. Bradley Webb Vaux is about to step at one of her musicales and gave Melba and Eleonard de Resske an equal amount to appear at. Among others the widow of Senator Hearst and Mrs. R. B. Townsend also paid these operatic stars $2,000 and $1,000 for their attendance at a musicale.

DENVER is already making preparations for the meeting of the National Educational association to be held there from July 8 to 12. The rate will be the lowest sort of railway fares from all parts of the union and all sorts of excursions through pantomime facilities are to be arranged. Denver expects this meeting of the association to be the largest ever held.

MR. J. ROSS WRITES in the Engineering and Mining Journal that since the diamond discoveries in the Jagersfontein the Brazilian diamond-mining industry has fallen so low that the annual output is now not over $10,000, and 20 years ago it was upward of $2,000,000. Brazilian diamonds are so much smaller than the African that it does not pay to mine them against African competition.

IT is said that the weaving of threads of aluminum in textile fabrics results in a practically non-conductive and incombustible material that is free from chemical action, and can be washed without fear of injury. It can be supplied to the finest and heaviest fabrics, as the thread can be drawn to any degree of thinness, and may be made round or flat, or in any shape convenient for wearing.

At Agassmanlic, on the east coast of Greenland, in latitude 65 degrees, 37 minutes north, a meteorological station has just been established by the Danish government. It is provided with self-recording instruments as well as the usual ones. Hitherto, in almost a year there ten years ago, found the mean temperature for the year to be 5 degrees below the freezing point, while the minimum was 13 degrees below zero.

FOUR officers holding high rank in the army will go upon the retired list this year. William Smith, brigadier general, now serving as paymaster general, will retire March 26, 1895; then McCook will retire April 22. There are six brigadier generals—Ruger, Merritt, Brooke, Wheaton, Otis and Forsyth—all of whom desire promotion to the vacancy that will be created by them. McCook's retirement, Thomas L. Casey, brigadier general, now serving as chief of engineers, will retire May 10. The date of Schofield's retirement is September 29.

THE largest cross in the world now stands in Drake's bay, North America. Three hundred and fourteen years ago the celebrated Sir Francis Drake landed in this bay, and his chaplain, Fletcher via Fletcher by name, preached the first English sermon ever heard in that region. To commemorate this event Bishop Nichols, of California, and his late George W. Childs caused a large stone cross to be erected on the spot, a cliff standing 300 feet above the bay. The cross is fifty-seven feet high, of thin sandstone, several of the stones in it are larger than the largest stone in the pyramid of Cheops.

PARIS and London have been officially looking into the pawnbroking business of late. In Paris, where the municipality controls it, the figures show that the average number of watches pawned of late years is close upon 250,000. Of these 5,000 a year are said to have been "the proceeds of robberies," and it is added that of the 5,000 the police manage to restore about 700 to their owners. In London over fifteen million visits a year are paid to the pawnbroker's, or on an average 50,000 a day. One hundred and ninety million articles are pawned each year, but the number redeemed is not quoted.

THE WAR.

Peutpecin That Japan and China Will Soon End It.

The Bombardment Operations Are Nearly Ready. Fall of Wei-Hai-Wei Told in Detail—Wonderful Fighting on Land and Sea in Bitter Cold Weather.

LONDON, March 4.—A Central News dispatch from Pekin says the prospects that peace with Japan will be speedily concluded are exceedingly good.

The documents comprising the credentials of the envoys are nearly ready, and the details are being settled by telegraph.

Assuming that there will be no hitch in the preliminaries, the envoys will probably leave Tien Tsin about March 10.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—The steamer City of Pekin, from Yoodohama and Hong Kong, arrived here shortly before 7 o'clock Saturday morning bringing the following news to date:

The Japanese have captured Liaoyang and China has ceased, with the fall of the powerful fortress of Wei-Hai-Wei and the detention or capture of the celebrated Yeh Yang squadron.

Throughout the whole of January 31 a tempest raged, but on the forenoon of February 1 the fury abated. How the troops camping out on the eastern promontory fared during that interval is not known, but they must have suffered. Their sufferings must have been terrible. Friday, February 1, saw them push on again. The first time in the history of the war, the Chinese had been sufficiently thoughtful to take care that the weapons they abandoned should not be serviceable against themselves afterwards.

On February 2 the Japanese ships moved out of Yung Chang bay. The storm had lost its violence and the ocean fell had ceased, but the cold was intense. That night the torpedo boats again attempted to cut a passage through the booms at the eastern channel. Dynamite was employed as a last resort, but without success.

The torpedo boats alone could solve the situation. For the passage of these little craft the eastern channel offered a sufficient depth, if only the booms could be got. The commander of the torpedo flotilla was able to report to Adm. Ito on the morning of February 4 that a passage was possible, but practicable had been opened into the bay and it was determined to utilize it that night.

The torpedo flotilla with the fleet numbered 29 vessels. As soon as the moon set, about 8 o'clock, the first five boats moved around the east end of the boom and advanced a p the bay. They had not gone far when they were fired upon by the shore batteries. It was pitch dark and they were steaming at full speed over unknown rocks and shallows.

Fire and Ohio Ship Canal.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 4.—Monday will practically mark the first active work in the Lake Erie and Ohio River Ship canal. Three engineering corps will leave here in the morning to inaugurate the preliminary survey. One will cross from the mouth of the Mahoning to Warren, Ohio, one from Warren to Lake Erie, and the third will conduct the line from Warren to Akron, O., on the proposed feeder and water supply. Chairman Roberts and Engineer Lehman will accompany them.

Train Held Up in California.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 4.—Two masked men held up the eastbound Southern Pacific overland train near Antelope station a short distance from this city, at 12:30 Sunday morning. They climbed over the tender into the cab, and, covering the engineer and fireman with revolvers, ordered them to stop. They compelled them to uncouple the express car. At this stage the engineer and fireman turned on the robbers and succeeded, after a short struggle, in fighting them off.

Bismarck's Health.

BERLIN March 4.—Prince Bismarck will excuse himself from the coming councils of state on the plea of ill health. Dr. Schweninger continues to say that although the prince's general health is good, he avoids going out this inclement weather. The damp air invariably induces neuralgia.

Snowstorm at Petersburg.

PETERSBURG, Va., March 4.—A blinding snow storm set in here at 3.30 o'clock Sunday morning and continued without intermission until 9 a. m. The ground was covered to a depth of five inches. The storm was followed by rain and warmer weather, and the snow melted rapidly.

Got Four Hundred Dollars.

WESTOR, W. Va., March 4.—Saturday night the West Virginia and Pittsburgh railroad station at Flatwoods was robbed. The burglars pried open the ticket office and broke down the safe with powder, tearing the door to pieces. About $400 in cash was secured.

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Admiral Rumsby Dead.

LONDON, March 4.—Admiral Sir G. T. Phipps Hornby died Sunday at Lordington, of pneumonia, resulting from influenza.

The Naval Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The provisions striking out twelve torpedo boats and inserting six light draught composite gunboats of about 1,000 tons displacement at $230,000 was agreed to. The naval appropriation bill was then passed without division.

A $1,000,000 Fire in Toronto.

TORONTO, March 4.—This city suffered over $1,000,000 loss in a fire early Sunday morning. It started in Simpson's store on Monge and Queen streets, and burned a block or more. No lives were lost.

REPULSED.

The Cuban Revolutionists Defeat the Regular Soldiers.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The Herald says Monday morning according to private advices received in this city from Cuba, there has been some severe fighting between the revolutionists and regular troops, near Santiago de Cuba.

The most important of these encounters occurred on last Thursday night in the Maya small town to the northeast of Santiago de Cuba.

The regular troops were commanded by Brig.-Gen. Lachambre, who has charge of all the Spanish soldiery in the eastern district of Cuba.

It is estimated that his force was at least 1,500 to 1,600 in number.

They attacked a position held by the revolutionists and were driven back with heavy loss.

Gen. Lachambre was compelled to retreat to the city of Santiago de Cuba.

The loss in the insurgents is not known.

It is thought that the revolutionists were in the majority.

The battle is considered a high standard of revolution in the movement in the Eastern district of Cuba. Further advices state that the insurgents under Gen. Guillon to the northwest of Santiago de Cuba, was captured by the revolutionists last Friday.

This is one of the largest and most valuable plantations in the eastern district. It was guarded by a company of Spanish regulars, numbering probably 200 men.

The insurgents are thought to be part of the force which had been victorious in Sevilla, the May previous.

Loss on either side is not stated.

The insurgents were forced to retreat to Santiago de Cuba, two hours distant by rail.

Gen. Guillon is said to have occupied to the Spaniards.

A battle is reported to have been fought on the plantation of Don Miguel, in which the entire force of the Spanish garrison is said to have been captured. The insurgent commander of the revolutionists is not known, though it is thought to be Henry Rivera. Rivera was executed a few days ago at Santa de Cecilia, a plantation not far from San Miguel.

The Collins Win

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The supreme court of the United States, in an opinion rendered by Justice White, has reversed the verdict and judgment in the court of the district of Indiana, and ordered a new trial in the case of Francis A. and Perceival B. Coffin. They were convicted for conspiracy to wreck the Indianapolis National bank, which failed in the panic of 1893, and were sentenced to the penitentiary for ten and five years respectively. The reversal was based on Judge Baker's charge.

Residence Blown Up With Dynamite.

VINCENNES, Ind., March 5.—Early Monday morning at the town of Berkley, opposite the south end of the bridge, a mite bomb was thrown under the house of C. A. Bennett, shattering the dwelling to pieces, and almost killing the occupants. Considerable excitement prevailed and guards were placed around the building, while parties were dispatched to the city for police and bloodhounds, both of which have began their work.

Young Woman Commits Suicide.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 5.—Miss Hattie Syts, of South Bend, aged 27, committed suicide Monday morning by taking morphine. The coroner's investigation has caused a sensation, and will probably result in Fred Syts, a cousin of the deceased, being held responsible for her untimely fate. It is alleged that he purchased the drug, and administered it to the girl to poison had effectually done its work.

Officially Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—In a dispatch from Minister Willis, at Honolulu, Secretary Gresham is enabled to confirm the statement of Mr. Talbot, has commended to the senate Attorney-General in the Appropriation Bill.

FINAL RUSH.

Congress Holds a Sunday Session to Finish Its Work.

An Appropriation to Send Commissioners to the Nicaragua Conference. The Senate Abandons the Hawaiian Amendment in the Appropriation Bill.

ALL BUSINESS FINISHED.

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HICKMAN, KY.,

FRIDAY, : : : MARCH 6, 1895.

CONGRESS adjourned Monday.

A BILL has passed the Oklahoma House allowing prize fights in the Territory.

HON. WILLIAM L. WILSON has been appointed to succeed Postmaster General Bissell.

ALABAMA legislature has passed a bill permitting juries to give the death penalty in the case of train robbers.

H. CLAY EVANS has issued a manifesto disclaiming responsibility for the Tennessee gubernatorial contest.

THE interstate drill to be held in Memphis next May will be the biggest event of the kind ever held on American soil.

MISSOURI has a bill before the legislature of that state to prevent people from shipping green water melons for ripe ones.

THE Missouri Legislature has passed a resolution providing for the removal of the State Capital from Jefferson City to Sedalia.

BICYCLE stealing has become one of the leading crimes of Ohio. There was an average of four wheels stolen last year to one horse.

HON. JOHN A. LEWIS, of Washington county, Ky., will make the race as a Republican for the United States Senate, and will canvass the State.

TWO friends ran for sheriff in Wolfe county, Ky., and each received the same number of votes. They agreed to draw lots for the office. The Republican won and the Democrat has been appointed his deputy. They share equally the receipts from their respective positions.

THE farmers in the drouth stricken districts of Southern Kansas, Western Iowa and Southern Dakota find themselves in the position of being unable to put in their crops, having no money to purchase seed or feed for their teams and are calling for assistance from the various cities.

THE Governors of Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Indiana and other States, with their official staffs, have accepted invitations to attend the reunion of the survivors of the gold army of the Tennessee, the Ohio and the Mississippi on the Shiloh battlefield on the thirty-third anniversary of the battle, April 6 and 7.

SENATOR BRICE, from the committee on interstate commerce has introduced a bill in the early part of the late session authorizing the secretary of the treasury to pay the sum of $100,000 to any person or for from any part of the world who shall, prior to 1900, construct a vessel that will demonstrate the practicability of safely navigating the air at a speed of 30 miles an hour and capable of carrying freight and passengers.

ONE of the serious questions for consideration in the state campaign, says the Owensboro Messenger, is the improvement of our ballot system. The present law is a Louisville creation, but the Louisville election rascals have found ways and means of kicking holes in it. It does well enough for the unsophisticated country folks, but an additional thickness of armor must be put upon it to protect it from the city scamps.

A POOR family was found near Elgin, Ill., last week, who had subsisted by eating steaks cut from horses that were found dead in the barn. When the producers of this great country raise enough to feed well more than treble the population of the United States, upon whom rests the responsibility of forcing people to kill and eat their horses? Monopolists and rings who buy up vast amounts of provisions in order to control prices, of course.—Henderson World.

THE government has passed a bill for the purchase of the historic site of the battle of Shiloh. An order has been issued by Gen. J. R. Gordon, commanding the headquarters of Confederate Veterans in New Orleans, relative to holding an annual reunion on the battlefield between the blue and gray, and to mark the positions held by the armies during the great battle of April 6 and 7, 1862. The proposed reunion will commence on April 6 next, and last three days.

A BILL has been introduced in the Texas legislature providing for the levying of $50 annual tax upon all unmarried men of 30 years of age who under oath swear that they have not exerted due diligence in trying to get married. He shall be exempt from the fine, however, if he can produce evidence to show that he tried to get married. To be exempt from this act, however, if he remains single, he must produce the affidavit of some reputable woman that at least once a year he was made a proposal of marriage to her.

THE farmers of the blizzard-swept and drouth-blitten West, says the Memphis Commercial-Appeal, are fast turning to the fertile and sunny South. From various Southern States comes the news of a steady increase in the purchase of farming lands. The effect of such immigration will be to hasten the work of diversifying Southern agriculture. These new settlers, fortunately for themselves and for the country, know nothing of cotton culture, but they know how to raise corn and fruits and vegetables, and how to make their own bacon. In their new home they will not only prosper themselves, but teach others to prosper by their example.

C. O. & S. W. CONTROL.

The litigation of the State of Kentucky to prevent the Louisville and Nashville from absorbing the Cheaspeake, Ohio and Southwestern will probably soon be ended. Arguments in the case were finished Saturday before the Court of Appeals at Frankfort. The announcement was made that the matter would be considered by the full court and an early decision is expected, as the question is of much vital interest to Kentucky that the members of the court feel that they should hasten the decision.

The suit was brought in the shape of an injunction under a statute preventing the absorption of competing lines. The Louisville and Nashville owns the case from two standpoints. One is that the two roads are engaged in interstate commerce, so far as the competition is concerned, and the other is that the charter under which the company operates gives it the right to acquire, by purchase or by construction, new lines, or lines now in operation.

Aside from the desire to get control of the Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern (which, after all, it may not get on account of the attitude the Illinois Central), the Louisville and Nashville owns to defend its charter, by which it may at some future time get away with some serious rival. Both the attorneys for the state and the officials of the Louisville and Nashville are confident of victory.

Immigration.

There is no doubt that Kentucky is behind other Southern States in the matter of making known her wonderful resources in timber, minerals, productive lands, etc., and inviting immigration. No State has better inducements to offer than Kentucky, and no State is more in need of the gold dollars to make her resources and advantages known. It is time the State was making some earnest effort to draw within its borders some of the thousands of people who are leaving the North, East and Northwest to make homes in the more genial South. Impressed with this fact, the Immigration Convention which met in Louisville October 23—25th, 1894, appointed a committee of five for the State at large and a committee for each county to move in the matter, and each county was assessed a certain sum for defrayment of necessary expenses in advertising our advantages and otherwise calling the attention of immigrants to Kentucky, the garden of the West. * * * * * * *

Once let the tide of immigration be turned this way, and all who own property will find its value greatly enhanced and trade increased. Hence every man aiding in bringing this about is helping himself.—Henderson World.

AN IMPORTANT LAW POINT.

At Louisville, on Thursday, Judge Jackson, of the circuit court, decided a point in the husband and wife law, passed by the last legislature, that will be read itself upon the ear as well as that class of citizens who may steal and be tried under its provisions. A colored woman was indicted for grand larceny on the charge of stealing thirty dollars worth of clothing from a husband and wife. It was proven that a part of the stolen goods belonged to the husband, a part to the wife. It was further in proof that the husband's share did not amount to twenty dollars, the sum necessary to make out a case of grand larceny. The women was found guilty only of petit larceny and was sent to jail for thirty days.—Madisonville Hustler.

Business in the South.

In its weekly review of the business of the South the Manufacturers' Record reports a steady increase in the tendency of outside people to invest in Southern properties. This is especially noticeable in the purchase of farm lands by Northern and Western people for colonies.

There is also considerable activity reported in the organization of new industrial enterprises. The South continues to invest its own money liberally in the organization of manufacturing enterprises. The Massachusetts cotton mills, of Lowell, has definitely decided to build a new mill at Rome, Ga., to cost $500,000.

—The river men at Pittsburg are loudly protesting against the city of Alleghaney dumping garbage and coal refuse in the Ohio River, and an organized effort will be made to stop it. It is said that a bill was recently passed in Congress making it a criminal offense for any person to dump garbage or refuse in any navigable stream. The dumping of such stuff the river men claim, pollutes the water and causes disease, and they intend to use lawful means to stop it.

—A drummer had nothing to do one Sunday, swore a lot, exchanged, and concluded to go to church. At the close of the sermon the minister requested all those who wanted to go to heaven to stand up. The whole congregation arose with the exception of our drummer friend, who had gone to sleep in the meantime. After the congregation was seated, the pastor said: "Now, all who want to go to hell, stand up." By this time the drummer had awakened and heard the request to "stand up" and no more. Rubbing his eyes he stood up and stared around him at the seated congregation and then up at the minister. When he took in the situation he said, "Mr Preacher I dont know exactly what we are voting on, but bonus way you and I seem to be in a hopeless minority."

HATS HATS HATS

DOWN THEY GO!
Look at these Prices

25 lbs. Southern Granulated Sugar	$1.00
26 lbs. Clarified Sugar	1.00
30 lbs. New Orleans Brown Sugar	1.00
4½ lbs. Best Green Coffee	1.00
4 Packages Arbuckles Coffee	90
4 Packages XXXX Coffee	90
22 lbs. of Rice	1.00
Best New Orleans Molasses	40c
Choice New Orleans Molasses	30c
Best Brand Sugar Cured Hams	11½
7 Bars Lenox Soap	25c
Full Cream Cheese	15c
2 lb. Can Corn	5c
3 lb. Can Tomatoes 10c 3 for	25c
3 lb. Can Apples 10c 3 for	25c
3 lb. Can Californit Egg Plums	10c
3 lb. California Table Peaches	15c
3 lb. California Pie Peaches	12c

Don't delay, come at once and secure these bargains while they last.

W. S. ELLISON.

For the Farmers.
SEEDS AND HARNESS.

Clover, Timothy, Oats, Red Top and Orchard Grass, New Garden Seeds. Full line of Harness and Saddles.

Try our Two Pointed Barbed Wire runs a full rod to the pound.

Alfred McDaniel.

Railroad Time Table.

N., C. & St. L. R. R.

LEAVES.	ARRIVES.
Train No. 52, 12:05 a. m.	Train No. 51, 6:10 p. m.
Train No. 54, 10:05 a. m.	Train No. 53, 4:00 p. m.

This road makes close connection with the L. & N. at McKenzie going north, and with the N. N. & M. V. at Paducah Junction going south and the Newbern accommodation going south

LOCAL NEWS.

He started a six-story store,
Then dropped to five and then to four,
Could scarce believe his eyes
And now he has a store no more,
He peddles goods from door to door—
He didn't advertise.

—Trade is picking up.

—Our merchants are reaching out after trade.

—The huckster wagons will soon be running.

—Some of our citizens have planted gardens.

☞ ONE DAY Nickel Alarm Clock 15c at BERRY'S

—Services at the Methodist church day and night.

—The City Council met in regular session Monday night.

—The matrimonial market is decidedly dull down this way.

—Our merchants are receiving their new spring goods every day.

☞ I see a Nickel Alarm Clock in front of Buck Bros for 50 cts.

—April 30th will be the seventy-sixth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in this country.

—Another cold wave struck us Sunday night. Who was it that said Spring had arrived?

—Eggs, of which this market has been almost bare, are now abundant in the groceries.

☞ Double sewed Jeans Pants 98c. You can't duplicate them for $1.25 SANDERS & RICE.

—Miss Savannah Blancett, of Bradford, Tenn., is visiting Mrs. N. J. Corum, near the city.

—Our weather prophet predicts good weather from now on. He says the moon is hanging right.

—March come in like a lion and we suppose, according to the old adage, it will go out lambike and mild.

—We have sojoyed several ideal spring days this week, but who can tell what to-morrow will bring forth?

—Mr. Jas. Baker, who has been attending the Louisville Medical College for several months, has returned home.

—Rev. W. H. Ligon, the new pastor of the Christian Church of this city, preached Sunday morning and night.

—The east room in City Hall building has been rented to Mr. H. C. Judge and will be fitted up for a billiard hall.

—The pupils of Hickman College are rehearsing a beautiful little operetta to be given sometime in the near future.

—Elder A. R. Wilson preached to a large congregation at the Methodist Church on Sunday morning; also at night.

—The physicians of Southern Kentucky will meet at Bowling Green April 6, for the purpose of organizing an association.

—Kentucky Lodge, Knights of Honor, will meet in regular session to-night. The members are cordially invited to attend.

—The little electro-gasoline packet, "Oyeleno," has been making daily trips to James Bayou and Medley, loading this week.

—The City of Hickman, the first Anchor Line steamer to leave St. Louis since the river opened, will probably be down to-day.

—One of the largest fruit growers of Trimble county states that the report that practically all the fruit has been killed is erroneous.

—Mr. D. R. Wilson, has been quite sick for the past week, but we are glad to state that he is now improving, and we hope will be about again in a few days.

—Six young men of Taylorsville have formed a pool of $6,000 to be divided among the three who are first to marry.

—The steamer Gus Gaulin, formerly owned by H. A. Tyler & Sons, of this city, is now on the ways at Paducah being overhauled.

—Have you seen the new carpet loom at the residence of Mr. J. B. Corum in East Hickman? It is something new and is attracting considerable attention. He will take pleasure in showing it to any one

☞ "Noxall" shirts never rip, always full size and extra long 50c to $1.00. For sale only by SANDERS & RICE.

—Seeing barrels of onion sets and potatoes at the groceries is a reminder that Lassie Spring is peeping down this way and will soon be here.

—Less rain has fallen in this section within the past twelve months than for the same length of time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

—A valuable mare, the property of Mr. Rich Goulder, was killed by a falling tree, on the farm of Mr. Lee Heatherly, below town, Thursday of last week.

☞ We are responsible and our guarantee is good, will fix your watch Free if anyone else will. BUCK BROS.

—It is now against the postoffice regulations for a paper to print the results of guessing contests on the number of seeds in a watermelon or beans in a jar, the same being considered a lottery.

—When a postage stamp will not stick and you have no mucilage handy, moisten the flap of the envelope you are about to seal and rub the stamp over that. It usually sticks without trouble if applied quickly.

—Spring fishermen are overhauling their tackle.

—Mr. D. Johnson, of Fulton, was in the city this week.

—Farmers have begun to tickle the earth with their plowshares.

☞ 8 Day Cabinet Clock, Oak or Walnut, $2 at BERRY'S

—The only way to make a town grow and prosper is for all to lend a helping hand.

—Easter Sunday comes on the 14th of April, this year, much later than last year.

—A total eclipse of the moon occurs March 10-11 and will be visible in this region.

—The growing crop of wheat has improved considerably since the weather has cleared up.

—Ex-Mayor M. B. Shaw left Wednesday for Louisville and Cincinnati, to be absent several days.

Stoves, Tinware
and Shelf Hardware, of all kinds, go to W. S. ELLISON'S.

—The City Council of Fulton elected Mr. Braxton Eldridge Police Judge of that town to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Rice, resigned. Our old friend Hunt Black was a candidate for the office, but was defeated by one vote.

—The farmers are preparing for spring work by having their farm implements put in order. It will probably be two or three weeks before work is started.

—It is one of the strange things of human nature that a man will walk three blocks out of his way to look at a thermometer, and then curse the weather.

SUITS MADE TO ORDER
At ready made prices. 4 new Sample Books. Out nothing if you don't get a good fit. See our $4.00 and $5.00 Pant Samples. SANDERS & RICE.

—During the absence of City Clerk, W. L. McCutchen, who is spending a few weeks in California, Mr. R. E. Millet is attending to the duties of that office.

—The Fulton Guard says that there are forty-eight widows in Fulton, of uncertain age, and about seventy single "young" men, ranging from 20 to 50 years.

☞ Ladies Hose in great variety of quality and price. Tans in all shades. Best values in blacks in ribbed and plain at 10 to 25c ever shown SANDERS & RICE.

—A man saw an advertisement in a dime novel which read: A sewing machine for fifty cents." He forwarded the fifty cents and received too needles and an awl.

—Hickman merchants are selling goods cheaper than any of our neighboring towns. If you don't believe it, compare the prices found in this COURIER with those of other towns, and you'll be convinced we have stated a truth.

March, April and May
are the three months of the year when
BLOOD PURIFIERS
are most needed. A full line of such medicines will be found at my store. Call and see me.
3-8tf T. T. SWAYNE.

SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES

Newest New Things
Now Here!
Glad to Show Them!
What are They?

Ladies' Razor-Toe Button Boots.

New Buttons! New Tips! Call and see 'em, and you'll be pleased that you called; and while buying a pair, make selection in

Low Shoes!

Just arrived, entire SPRING LINE Oxford Ties, Juliettes, Prince Alberts, Bluchettes, Duchess Turns, Strap Sandals and Button Oxfords. They are Beauties! The Prices are right.

Shoe Shop Up-Stairs.

We sew every seam that rips, FREE! Best machine for neat repairing.

THE CASH SHOE STORE.
SANDERS & RICE.

SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES

—Mr. G. W. Jones, of Reelfoot, Tenn., better known to our people as "Cotton Seed Jones," was in the city this week mixing with his old friends. He is running stores at Reelfoot and Crounsville, Tenn.

—How about the fruit crop? Some declare the peaches are all killed, while others assert they are not injured. A good fruit crop would put many dollars in circulation hereabouts, hence we hope the crop is safe.

Harness, Saddlery,
Plow Gears, &c., at Rock Bottom prices at W. S. ELLISON'S

—The protracted meeting commenced at the Methodist church Monday night, Rev. W. J. McCoy, of Clinton, assisting the pastor, Rev. W. C. Waters. On next Wednesday, 13th inst., Rev. W. H. Evans will arrive and take charge of the meeting. It is earnestly hoped that the efforts of these ministers will result in much good to the community and the upbuilding of the cause of Christianity.

—A gentleman who lives in Ballard county is the possessor of a cow that is twenty years old and gives two gallons of milk per day. The most peculiar feature of the animal is that her youngest calf is eight years old.

—Mr. Senter Roberts received a letter this week from a friend of his, a Hickman county boy, living in South Africa. The letter was mailed Jan. 31st. The young man's name is Lewis, and was raised near Moscow.

☞ My stock of Winter goods will be sold lower than ever to make room for the Spring Stock which will soon be in. Now is the time to buy. Cheap and save money by calling at H. C. AMBERG.

—It is said that in consequence of having had no overflows for the past two years the game fish in Reelfoot Lake is playing out. The fishermen report that they are having no luck this season, so far, and their fears are that the supply is about exhausted.

NEW SPRING GOODS

Are Arriving Daily!

New Prints,
New Ginghams,
New Percales.
Styles Beautiful!

New Printed Ducks,
New Printed Piques, &c.
Prettiest Things Out!

New Shoes,
New Clothing

We invite your inspection.

Smith, Ellison & Co.

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THE RELIABLE JEWELER
Carries a Complete Line of
Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware and Spectacles.

Special attention given to COMPLICATED WATCH REPAIRING, at half price other so called Jewelers charge.

Don't Fail to See My Line Before Buying.

—Mr. W. H. Baltzer, of the firm of Baltzer & Shaw, will leave Sunday for the Eastern cities to purchase his Spring goods. Look out for a nice display end low prices.

—Uncle Billy McFall died in Indian Territory Monday. His remains will be brought to this city to day at 2:40 and will be laid to rest at Walnut Grove. Uncle Billy was well known all over the county having resided here for a number of years.—Fulton Democrat.

—A few days since two Indiana savages very nearly came to blows over a dispute whether there was a barrel of whisky in the state-house cellar. The Detroit Free Press suggests that had this been in Kentucky the matter would gone into a committee of the whole and investigated the "hoop hole."—Henderson Gleaner.

—The girls will have a chance next year. It will be the last leap year for eight years. The leap years which fall in the last year of a century are not counted, so there will be only twenty-eight days in February in 1900.

—Rev. Henry Ligon, who has for some time been managing editor of the South Kentucky Stockgelist here, left yesterday for Hickman, Ky., where he has accepted a pastorate of the church there.—Henderson Evening World.

—Mr. Chas. McDaniel, a popular young man of this county, is now employed in the grocery house of his brother, Mr. Alf. McDaniel, of this city, taking the place of Mr. Thos. Roper, who has returned to his home at Cayce.

GENTLEMEN!
For a real good 5c Cigar, call at SWAYNE'S Palace Drug Store, and ask for well known brands as "Old Hickory," "Old Thornit," "Dorham," "Daniel Boone," Etc., are handled by him.

—There is hardly a married man, except an editor, who does not habitually carry in his pocket a picture of an attractive young woman not his wife. We claim no confidence in saying that the scene is Miss Annie Widdis Williams, of Philadelphia, and her picture ornaments the silver dollar that all of us adore.

—A Chinaman hailing from Fulton was in the city this week prospecting with a view of opening a laundry. We understand he was favorably impressed with the town, and will return in a few days and open a first class laundry.

—More people from a distance are coming to Hickman to do their trading now than for many years past. Good goods and low prices will fetch them every time. Hence the necessity of advertising your goods and prices in the COURIER. See?

—Every newspaper will appreciate the following from an eastern journal if nobody else does: "Get your printing done where you please—its your right; but please do not, after spending your money elsewhere, come to our office begging free paffs!"

—W. F. Geyer, the baker and confectioner, was arraigned in the city court last week charged with violating the Sunday law by selling tobacco, cigars, etc. on the Sabbath day. The case was tried by a jury, and the verdict rendered was "Not guilty."

A Recommendation from Los Angeles

632 Castelar St., LOS ANGELES, CAL.—After having suffered for a long time from acute rheumatism, without obtaining relief, I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and was almost immediately relieved. I highly recommend this as the best medicine known. D. M. HAMILTON. For sale by L. T. SWAYNE, Druggist.

—Mr. William Hall died at his home in Mayfield very suddenly Sunday night, of heart disease. He was 68 years old and leaves three children. Deceased had been a resident of Mayfield some time in the 60ties, and was known to almost everybody. He was a member of several secret orders, and the remains were to-day by the Masons and Odd Fellows.

—The Protestants, Catholics, Jews and in fact, those of every denomination were united in Paducah in a mighty effort to suppress vice. Meetings were held under the auspices of the various churches, the Jewish Rabbis and Catholic priests. Monday night as a result of their labors an ordinance was presented to the Council and given its first reading, imposing a fine of not less than $50 or more than $100 on every male person entering a house of ill-fame.

—Have the telephone people forfeited their franchise? The ordinance granting the right to erect a telephone system in the city reads that "work shall be not been begun within six months, or completed within twelve months, after the passage of said ordinance, the franchise shall be null and void." The ordinance was passed at a regular meeting of the Council on Sept. 3rd, 1894, and the six months, the time required to begin the work, expired on the 3rd inst.

—We are glad to learn that the Hickman College library has received several donations in the way of books since the attention of the public was called to the matter through the COURIER some three weeks ago. Let the friends and patrons of this institution assist the teachers in making it a model school.

—It is generally conceded to be a fact that the backbone of winter has been broken and we shall have no more cold weather. In a few more days we may expect the farmers to begin regular spring work. The frogs and snakes will come forth, and Mr. Groundhog, from their winter sleep.

—Our merchants, not content with confining the trade on this side of the river for miles around, are carrying the war into Missouri Arkansas and Tennessee—preaching the gospel of "low prices and good goods" to the doubting thereof, and successful is that they are selling dorks of goods every day.

—Do you want to buy an article of any kind consult your newspaper and patronize home people. They cannot afford to misrepresent anything to you, and if you are dissatisfied with your purchase the home merchant will make it good. Peddlers pay no taxes, and when they sell you an article, if it turns out worthless, you have no redress.

—The men who advertise their wares are the ones who prosper in this world. An exchange furnishes the following example: "Tatoes" cried a colored peddler in Richmond. "Hush dat racket! You distrusts the whole neighborhood!" responded a colored woman from a door-way. "You kin hear me kin you?" "Hear you! I kin hear you a mile." "Thanks, I'se hollerin' to be heard. "Tatoes"

—Our attention has been called several times of late to the number of old citizens of Hickman and Fulton county who have died within the past few months. Not less than eight or ten of our oldest and best citizens have passed over the dark river within that time. Scarcely a week passes that we are not called upon to chronicle the death of some grand old father or mother who have been fighting the battles of life for more than three score years and ten. Peace to their ashes!

KENTUCKY FORESTS.

Kentucky's forest area is given by the United States census of 1890 at 47 per cent. The growth of timber represents every variety known to the temperate zone. The upper part of the State, according to the census bulletin, is largely covered by the primeval forest, while beech, chestnut, yellow poplar, hickory, maple, ash and many other woods of commercial value and of large growth abound throughout the State. What an splendid country Kentucky really is for manufacturing and for habitation. Let the immigration statistics spare no effort to make its advantages known from the center to the circumference of the Union.

—On Monday night last a wild animal of some kind, supposed to be a lynx made a raid through town, and literally devoured several dogs. The first place it visited was Mr. Chas. Blair's in West Hickman, where it attacked a white Scotch Collie, belonging to Mr. Thomas, of Point Pleasant, Mo. Mr. Meier heard the fight, but supposed it to be an ordinary dog fight, but next morning he found the Collie badly torn up, and her six pups, about 3 weeks old, dead, one of them being about half devoured. The collie was badly used up that Mr. Meier had her killed next day. The animal visited several parts of the neighborhood and while and every dog it came in contact with, lacerating them in such a manner that supposed it to be a lynx. Mr. Dickens claims to have seen the animal that night, and pronounces it a lynx.

SEED OATS,
Onion Sets, Seed Potatoes at lowest Cash Prices at W. S. ELLISON'S.

—We learn that the citizens of Cayce and vicinity are agitating the question of establishing a graded school at that place. Their plan if we have been rightly informed, to consolidate three or more school districts in that part of the county and vote a tax sufficient to build a good building and sustain a graded free school. There are no better people in the world than can be found in this neighborhood, and we hope they will succeed in their efforts to establish a good school at Cayce.

SOMETHING NEW.
I especially invite the Ladies to call and see my new stock of Embroideries and Laces. It is the Largest and Finest Imported stock in this line ever brought to Hickman. Prices are very low.
3-22 4t H. C. AMBERG.

—Messrs. B. B. Sanders, John Hagan and Robt. Buchanan went to James Bayou on Monday on the "Cyclone." They report the place on a "boom." The Three States Mill gives employment to a large number of men, and the company has recently erected a commercial cotton houses, which adds much to the appearance of the place. A few years ago the Bayou was considered the worst place on the river between St. Louis and New Orleans, but today it is a live, growing town, and bids fair to be a place of some commercial importance. The rough, rowdy element that once infested the town has been driven out and their places filled by a better class of people.

Some Eastern men are about to purchase lands in Warren county, near Bowling Green, Ky., for the purpose of raising beets from which to manufacture sugar. They will bring Germans, who thoroughly understand beet culture and sugar manufacture.

Back Taxes.

All persons in arrears for back taxes are notified that unless the same is paid by April 1st, 1895, I will proceed to levy and garnishee at once. T. H. JOHNSON.
3w Sheriff F. C.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 per box. For sale by C. A. HUGHES.

War Declared.

"The National Council of women has sounded the tocsin of war against the latter day apparel of the fairer sex. It has adopted dress reform as its shibboleth and announced that cumbersome skirts, high heels and hats and contracted waists must go. The male citizens of the United States can, in this fight, assume the interested position of a man up a tree and encourage the opposing forces occasionally with such expressions as "Lay on, McDuff!" "Go it Boots!" "Victory or death!" "E pluribus unibus!" "Sic Semper tyrannical!" etc.

No matter what women choose to wear whether they claim the earth and sky to prevent the crushing of crinoline sleeves or take the back track and resurrect the pin-back, tight-sleeve fashion, they will always be the same ennobling creature to man. They will inspire him for poetry and romance and war; they will temper his deeds of valor with the sublimity of true heroism; they will be promoters of his dauntless chivalry and matchless courage; they will fire his aspiration, kindle his ambitions, and then melt with the flames they kindle the drone of selfishness from his desires to obtain power and grasp honor.

But a council of ladies has declared war and war there must be. The "dead swell" sleeves must be punctured with the criticism of fair femininity. The high hats must hunt taller timber or come off. The bloomers must be able to blossom in a winter of female discontent. The skirt waists must put on a bold fight and scorn the idea that they are on imitation of male attire. The cumbersome skirts must prepare for the determined charge of the light brigade.

Whatever may happen, let no man venture, accidentally or purposely, to remark that he smells a mouse, or the fight will result in a stampede.—Exchange.

FANCY NEGLIGEE SHIRTS.
New effects in shadings and figures handsomest line in town, 50c to $1.50
SANDERS & RICE.

—A little six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gero, living near Paducah, was burned to death Monday last while trying to reach something on the mantel. Her mother was in an adjoining room when her clothes became ignited. The unfortunate child ran in a bucket of water near by, and plunged her feet into it, but soon succumbed to the flames that enveloped her, and fell to the floor unconscious, suffering untold agonies. All available was done to alleviate her suffering, but she died in two hours. The is the sixth child to meet a similar death in Paducah this winter.

SEEDS! SEEDS!
Clover,
Oats,
Potatoes,
Onion Sets.
at "Rock Bottom Prices." at H. BUCHANAN'S.

—Exchanges send out the following warning of a slick swindle that has been worked in several communities during the past week. A man well dressed and with a business like air, called upon persons in the rural districts representing himself as a government detective, with the statement that there was much counterfeit coin in circulation, and requested them to show what coin they had in their possession. He would then use a chemical which turns the coin black, declare it spurious and take it away with him. The victims said nothing for some time for fear of being arrested for having counterfeit money in their possession, and by that time the swindler was far away.

CARPET FACTORY.
Rag Carpets, Rugs, Tidies and Fly Netting wove on short notice and at "Hard Times" prices. Call at J. B. Corum's in East Hickman and examine our work.

—The ordinance against shooting on the street after night should be strictly enforced and the offenders punished. Scarcely a night passes but we hear the report of a gun in some direction, and not infrequently you can hear the whiz of the bullet as it cuts the air. On Monday night about 9 o'clock some one discharged a pistol near Frank Thompson's brick yard and the ball struck the residence of Mr. Geo. Edgar, passing over the heads of several persons who were on the street at the time. Such recklessness in the handling of fire arms should be severely punished, and the habit broken up before some innocent person is killed. Let the citizens assist the officers in bringing the guilty ones to justice.

For Barbed Wire,
Smooth Wire, Wire Nail &c. Go to W. S. ELLISON.

Cure that Cold.
Stop that Cough.

White Pine Expectorant
WILL DO IT
25 CENTS PER BOTTLE.
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Double daily through sleeping car service to Florida has been established over the famous Lookout Mountain and "Battle-field Route," over Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway and Western & Atlantic to Atlanta, Central of Georgia to Macon, Georgia Southern & Florida to Tifton, and Plant System to Jacksonville to run the year round. "Dixie Flyer" through sleeper leaves Nashville 7:30 a. m. daily, and "Quicksteps" through sleeper leaves St. Louis 7:50 a. m. and Nashville 9:10 p. m. daily, and run through to Jacksonville without change. Berths reserved in advance. Call on or write to W. L. Danley, General Pass and Ticket Agent, Nashville, Tenn.

House for Rent.
Nice DWELLING for rent. 5 rooms and kitchen, and all other conveniences. Apply to T. A. LEDFORD.

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A NEW AND FIRST-CLASS
LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE.
(Clinton St., rear Wagon Factory,)
Hickman, Ky.

I will run, in connection with this stable, Horses and Mules for sale. Buggy and Carry-all horses, Transient Horses and Spring Wagons, remember what I tell you will be the same that I use myself in my stables. If you want anything in this line come and see me and I will treat you right.

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Attorney-at-Law,
HICKMAN, KY.
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FIRST CLASS WORK and First Class Barbers. Special attention given to Lady Work.
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Shop in Lodeke Block opposite H Buchanan's. 2-16

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DEALER IN
STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES, TOBACCO, CIGARS, ETC.
My Stock is always Fresh and Complete, and I invite the public to come and call.
Cash paid for Country Produce.
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Will attend promptly to all business intrusted to his care. mch14-'90

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, price 75c.
Hall's Family Pills, 25 cents.

"THERE'S a bonnet," said the editor's wife, "that is a perfect poem." "Is it?" replied, absent mindedly, "but we never go for poetry." Bonnet's Weekly.

Profanity and Pain

Too often go together. Refrain from swearing if you are sufferer the torture of rheumatism, and seek the aid of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which will expel the rheumatic poison from your blood. Kidney and malarial complaints, dyspepsia, constipation, neuralgia and biliousness are also relieved by this strengthening and comprehensive family medicine, which should be kept always on hand for emergencies.

ELLA—"You ought to have seen Jack when he proposed." Stella (curiously)—"Oh, I've seen him." Boston Courier.

March April May

Are the best months in which to purify your blood. During the long, cold winter, the blood becomes thin and impure, the body becomes weak and tired, the appetite may be lost, and depression, or some form of scrofulous disease, or a run down condition of the system enjoys the aid of a reliable medicine like Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiarly adapted to the needs of the body during these months. It is thoroughly purifies and vitalizes the blood, creates a good appetite, cures biliousness and headache, gives healthy action to the kidneys and liver and imparts strength to the whole body.

Now is the time when you should give Hood's Sarsaparilla a fair trial. That scrofulous taint which has been in your blood for years may be thoroughly expelled by giving Hood's Sarsaparilla a fair trial. It really is a wonderful blood purifier, and building up medicine.

Merit Wins, not the fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla accomplishes what is claimed for it, is what has made it the most talked of and the confidence of our countrymen, and given to Hood's Sarsaparilla a popularity and sale greater than that of any other blood purifier.

We have Hood's Sarsaparilla in the house most of the time and when we are not feeling well we use it. Last spring my little boy had a bad sore on his head cut out like a scald scab. I began giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla and he is now well and there are no scars left.—Mrs. J. M. GILLETTE, Goodwine, Illinois.

That "the blood is life," is an old and true saying; but it applies to PURE blood only. Pure blood enables the system to resist the inroads of disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla assures pure blood.

The following is from one of the leading citizens of Augusta, Ill., well known in commercial circles, being President of the Canton Bank. What this medicine did for him is concisely expressed in his letter.

THE CAPRON BANK.

AUGUSTA, Ill., March 1, 1887.

H. R. WILLARD, Cashier.

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"Gentlemen: Having been a sufferer for several years with scrofula, I commenced to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it has entirely cured me. I cheerfully and gladly recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla as a blood purifier."

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KNOWLEDGE

Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and $1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

NEXT TIME BUY OUR $2.50 SHOE FOR MEN & WOMEN HAMILTON, BROWN SHOE CO.

SWAMP-ROOT The Great KIDNEY LIVER & BLADDER CURE. At Druggists, 50c. & $1. Advice & Pamphlet Free. Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

NEW GROUND.

Dr. Talmage Has Built Three Churches in Brooklyn,

And Not Feeling Called Upon to Undertake the Building of the Fourth, He Finds Himself Preaching in a New Field in New York.

Dr Talmage's subject Sunday was "New Ground," and his text Romans xv, 20: "Lest I should build upon another man's foundation."

After, with the help of others, I had built three churches in the same city, and not feeling called upon to undertake the superhuman toil of building a fourth church, Providence seemed to point to this place as the field in which I could enlarge my work, and I feel a sense of relief amounting to exultation. Wherever to this work will grow I can not prophesy. It is inviting and promising beyond anything I have ever touched. The churches are the grandest institutions this world ever saw, and their pastors have no superiors this side of heaven, but there is a work which must be done outside the churches, and to that work I join myself for awhile. "Lest I build on another man's foundation."

The church is a fortress, divinely built. Now a fortress is for defense and for drill, and for storing ammunition, but an army must sometimes be on the march for outside the fortress. In the campaign of conquering this world for Christ the time has come for an advance movement, for a "general engagement," for massing the troops, for an invasion of the enemies country. Confident that the forts are well manned by the ablest ministry that ever blessed the church, I promise, with others, for awhile, to join the cavalry, and move out and on for service in the open field.

In laying out the plan for his missionary tour, Paul, with more brain than any of his contemporaries, or predecessors, or successors, sought out towns and cities which had not yet been preached to. He goes to Corinth; a city mentioned for splendor and vice, and Jerusalem, where the priesthood and Sanhedrim were ready to leap with both feet on the Christian religion. He feels he has a special work to do, and he means to do it. What was the result? The grandest life of unselfishness that ever lived. The modern Christian workers are apt to imitate Paul. We build on other people's foundations. If we erect a church we prefer to have it filled with families, all of whom have been pious. Do we gather a Sunday school class, we want good boys and girls, hair combed, faces washed, manners attractive. Such a church this day is apt to be built out of other churches. Some ministers spend all their time in fishing other people's pews for what they throw the line into that church pond and jerk out a Methodist, and throw the line into another pond and haul out a Presbyterian, or if there is a religious row in some neighboring church, and the whole school of fish swim off from that pond, and we take them all in with one sweep of the net. What is gained? Absolutely nothing for the general cause of Christ. It is only as in an army, when a regiment is transferred from one division to another, or from the Fourteenth regiment to the Sixty-ninth regiment. What strengthens the army is new recruits.

The fact is, this is a big world. When in our school day we learned the diameter and circumference of this planet we did not learn half. It is the latitude and longitude, the area and circumference of water and woe and sin that us figures can calculate. This world is a vast field, and all the ages of time reaches across all zones, and if I were called to give its geographical boundaries, I say it was bounded on the North, on South, and East and West by the great heart of God's sympathy and love. It is a great world for the Gospel. In England, or in Eastern American cities, we are being much crowded, and an acre of ground is of great value, but out west 500 acres is a small farm, and 50,000 acres is no unusual possession.

There is a vast field here and everywhere unoccupied, plenty of room there, not building on another man's foundation. We need as churches to stop bombarding the old ironclad sinners that have been proof against the fifty years of Christian assault, and aim for the salvation of those who have never yet had one warm-hearted and point-blank invitation. There are churches whose buildings might be worth $500,000 who are not accepting one new convert a year, and doing less good than many a log-cabin meeting house with tallow candle and the wooden socket, and a minister who has never seen a college, or known the difference between Greek and Chinese. We need churches to get into sympathy with the great outside world, and let them know that there are warm-hearted or hardly bestead that they will not be welcomed. "No," says some Presbyterian, "I don't like to be crowded in church. I don't put any one in my pew."

My brother, what will you do in Heaven? When a great multitude that no man can number assembles there it will put no in your pew. What are the use of pew fooling associated in the Christian churches compared with the mightier millions outside of them? At least 1,000,000 people in this city are of sea-board cities, and not more than 200,000 in the churches. Many of the churches are like a hospital with the whole advertising that its patients must not be disturbed by noise, but no Saviour's heads, no crushed ankles, no fracture, no dying. Give us for treatment moderate sinners, velvet-coated sinners and sinners with a gloss on. It is as though a man had a farm of 3,000 acres and put all his work on one acre, and has raised splendid men and women in that small enclosure, but the field is the world. That means North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa, and all the islands of the sea.

It is as though after a great battle there were 50,000 wounded and dying on the field, and three surgeons gave all their time to three patients under their charge. The major general comes in and says to the doctors: "Come out here and look at the near ready 50,000 dying for lack of surgical attendance." "No," say the three doctors, standing there with fainting their patients, "we have three important cases here and we are attending them, and when we are not positively busy with our wounds it takes all our time to keep the flies off." In this awful battle of sin and society, where millions have fallen on millions, do not let us spend all our time in taking care of a few people, and when the command comes, "Go into the world," say practically: "No, I can not go. I have only a few choice cases, and I am busy keeping off the flies." There are multitudes to-day who have never had any Christian worker look them in the eye, and with earnestness in the accentuation, say, "Come!" or they would long ago have been in the kingdom. My friends, religion is either a sham or a tremendous reality. If it be a sham let us cease to have anything to do with Christian association. If it be a reality, then great populations are on their way to the bar of God unfitted for the ordeal, and what are we doing?

In order to reach the multitude of outsiders we must drop all technicalities out of our religion. When we talk to people about the hypostatic union and French Encyclopedianism, and Presbyterianism and Episcopalianism, we are as impolite and little understood as if a physician should talk to an ordinary patient about the pericardium and intercostal muscle and scorbutic symptoms. Many of us come out of the theological seminaries so loaded up that we take the first ten years to show our people how much we know, and the next ten years get our people to know as much as we know, and at the end find that neither of us knows anything as we ought to know. There are hundreds of thousands of sinning, struggling and dying people who need to realize just one thing—that Jesus Christ came to save them, and will save them now. But we go into pro found and elaborate definition of what justification is, and after all the work there are not, outside of the learned professions, 5,000 people in the United States who can tell what justification is. I will read you the definition:

"Justification is purely a forensic act, the act of a judge sitting in the forum, in which the supreme ruler and judge, who is accountable to none, and who alone knows the manner in which the ends of His universal government can best be attained, proclaims that which was done by the substitute, and not on account of anything done by them, but purely upon account of this gracious method of reckoning, grants them the full remission of their sins."

Now, what is justification? I will tell you what justification is—when a sinner believes God lets him off. One summer in Connecticut I went to a large factory, and I saw over the door written the word: "No admittance." I entered and saw over the next door: "No admittance." Of course I entered. I got inside and found it a pin factory, and they were making pins superlative, fine, useful pins. So the spirit of exclusiveness has practically written over the outside door of each church: "No admittance." And if the stranger enter he finds practically written over the second door: "No admittance, and if he goes in over all the pew doors seems written: "No admittance," while the minister stands in the pulpit hammering out his little niceties of belief, pounding out the technicalities of religion, making pins. In the most practical, common-sense way, and by laying aside the non-essentials and the hard definitions of religion, go out on the field given missions, telling the people what they need and when and how they can get it.

The comparatively little effort as yet has been made to save that large class of persons in our midst called skeptics, and he who goes to work will not be building up on another man's foundation. There is a great multitude of them. They are afraid of us and our churches, for the reason we do not know how to treat them. One of this class met Christ, and hear with what tenderness and pathos and beauty, and supreme Christ dealt with him: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." This is the first commandment, and the second is like to this, namely, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This is the second commandment greater than this." And the scribe said to Him: "Well, Master, Thou hast said the truth, for there is but one God, and to love Him with all the heart, and with the understanding, and with the soul, and all the strength is more than whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, He said unto him: "Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God." So a skeptic by my side, in one interview.

But few Christian people treat the skeptic in that way. They take hold of him with the iron gentle hand of love, we are apt to take him with the iron pincers of ecclesiasticism.

You would not be so rough on the man if you knew by what process he had lost his faith in Christianity. I have known men skeptical from the fact that they grew up in houses where religion was overdone. Sunday was the best day in the week. They had had religion driven into them with a trip-hammer. They were surfeited with prayer meetings. They were stuffed and choked with catechisms. They were often told they were the worst boys in the parish—not so much because they liked to ride down hill better than to read Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress"—but whenever one father or another talked of religion they drew down the corners of their mouth and looked their eyes full and one thing will send a boy or girl to ruin sooner than another that is it. If I had had such a father and mother I fear I should have been an infidel. When I was a boy in Sunday-school I one time we had a teacher who, when we were not attentive, struck us over the head with a New Testament—that is a way of using even the Bible so as to make it offensive.

Others were tripped up of skepticism from being grievously wronged by some man who professed to be a Christian. They had a partner in business who turned out to be a first-class scoundrel, though a professed Christian. Many years ago they lost all faith by what happened in an oil company which was formed amid the perfervium excitement. The company opened before this company, and the innocent men and women who had their all, said: "I don't know anything about the company, but so many of the men at the head of it that it must be excellent, and taking stock in it must be almost as good as joining the church."

So they bought the stock and perhaps received one dividend so as to keep them still, but after a while they found out that the company was reorganized, and had a different president, and different treasurer, and different directors. Other conglomerations of ill luck had caused the former officers of the company, with many regrets, to resign, and that the subscription price in that stock had to show for their investment was a beautifully ornamented certificate, suitable for a man, looking over his old papers, to come across that certificate, and say: "Ah, that was the time I was a fool." I want none of the religion that the presidents, and trustees, and directors of that oil company professed if of course their rejection of the religion on such ground was unphilosophical and unwise. I am told that many of the United States army desert every year, and there are thousands of court-martials every year. Is that anything against the United States government that swears them in? And if a soldier of Jesus Christ desert, is that anything against the Christianity which he swore to support and defend? How do you judge of the currency of a country? By a counterfeit bill? Oh, you must have patience with those who have been swindled by religious pretenders, and in the presence of others, honest, earnest Christian life, that they may be attracted to the same Saviour upon whom their hopes depend.

Remember, skepticism has a ways some reason, good or bad, for existing. When the irreligion started when the news came to Germany of the earthquake at Lisbon, November 1, 1775 That 60,000 people have perished in that earthquake, and in the after rising of the Tagus, so stirred his sympathies that he threw up his belief in the goodness of God.

Others have gone into skepticism from hard persistence in asking the reason why. They have been fearfully stabbed of the interrogation point. There are many things they can not get explained. They can not understand the Trinity or how God can be sovereign and every man a free agent. Neither can I. They say they don't understand why God should have left sin come into the world. Neither do I. You say: "Why was the bible started in life with such diminutive ages, while others have such all physical and mental equipment?" I can not tell. They go out of church on Easter morning and say: "That doctrine of the resurrection confounded me."

So it is to me a mystery beyond unfathomed. I understand all the processes by which men get into the dark. I know them all. I have traveled with burning feet that Whitened way. The first word which most children learn to utter is, "Papa," or "Mamma," but I think the first word I ever uttered was "Why?" I know what it is to have a hundred midnights pass their darkness into one noon, which men are not to be seeked, but helped. Turn your back upon a crowning man when you have the pen with which to pull him ashore, and let that woman in the third story of a house perish in the flames when you have a ladder with which to help her out and help her down, rather than turn your face scoffingly on a skeptic whose soul is in more peril than the bodies of those other endangered ones possibly can be. Oh, skepticism is a darkness, but in this human world of ours who would give a thousand worlds, if they possessed them, to get back to the placid faith of their fathers and mothers, and it is our place to help them never through their heads, but always through their hearts.

These skeptics, when brought to Jesus, will be mightily effective, for they will be all the more zealous to redeem the evidences of Christianity. Thomas Chalmers was once a skeptic, for Paul was a skeptic, for Saul was a skeptic, Christmas Evans a skeptic. But when once with strong hands they took hold of the chariot of the Gospel, they rolled it on with what momentum! If I address such men and women to-day, I throw out no scoff. I implead them by the memory of the good old days, when at their mother's knee they said: "Now I lay me down to sleep," and by those days and nights of scarlet fever, in which she watched you, giving you the medicine at just the right time, and turning your pillow when it was hot, and with hands that